

- 1) (currently amended) A dally training system, relating to use by a dallyer sitting on a saddle that comprises a saddle horn, for safe dally-practicing, near a substantially fixed object, ~~using at least one saddle horn and~~ using at least one dally rope positioned in front of the dallyer, said dally training system comprising, in combination:
  - a) line means for providing at least one selectably retractable line; and
  - b) tension means for controllably applying at least one tension force to said line means for selectably retracting said line means;
  - c) casing means for encasing said tension means; and
  - d) attachment means for attaching said dally training system to the substantially fixed object;
  - e) wherein said tension means comprises at least one spring;
  - f) wherein said line means comprises such at least one dally rope;
  - g) wherein said at least one dally rope is structured and arranged to permit dallying around the at least one saddle horn by the dallyer sitting on the saddle.
- 2) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 1, further comprising
  - a) first connection means for connecting said line means to such at least one dally rope;
  - b) wherein said attachment means comprises swivel means for swiveling.
- 3) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 2, further comprising second connection means for connecting said tension means to the substantially fixed object.
- 4) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 1, further comprising second connection means for connecting said tension means to the substantially fixed object.
- 5) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 4, further comprising saddle horn means for holding said line means fixable in adjacent position to such dallyer when such dallyer is using said line means in such dally-practicing.
- 6) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 1, further comprising saddle horn means for holding said line means fixable in adjacent position to such dallyer when such dallyer is using said line means in such dally-practicing.

- 7) (currently amended) A dally training system, relating to use by a dallyer sitting on a saddle that comprises a saddle horn, for safe dally-practicing, near a substantially fixed object, ~~using at least one saddle horn and~~ using at least one dally rope positioned in front of the dallyer, comprising, in combination:
- a) at least one line structured and arranged to provide at least one selectably retractable line; and
  - b) at least one tensioner structured and arranged to
    - i) controllably apply at least one tension force to said at least one line; and
    - ii) selectably retract said at least one line;
    - iii) wherein said at least one tensioner comprises at least one reel adapted to wind and unwind said at least one line; and
  - c) at least one attacher adapted to attach said at least one tensioner to the substantially fixed object;
  - d) wherein said at least one line comprises such at least one dally rope
  - e) wherein said at least one dally rope is structured and arranged to permit dallying around the at least one saddle horn by the dallyer sitting on the saddle.
- 8) (currently amended) The dally training system, according to Claim 7, further comprising
- a) at least one first connector adapted to connect said at least one line to such at least one dally rope;
  - b) wherein said at least one attacher comprises at least one swivel.
- 9) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 8, further comprising at least one second connector adapted to connect said at least one tensioner to the fixed object.
- 10) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 7, further comprising at least one second connector adapted to connect said at least one tensioner to the fixed object.
- 11) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 10, further comprising at least one saddle horn to hold said at least one line fixable in adjacent position to such dallyer when such dallyer is using said at least one line in such dally-practicing.
- 12) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 7, further comprising at least one saddle horn to hold said at least one line fixable in adjacent position to such dallyer when such dallyer is using said at least one line in such dally-practicing.

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

- 13) (currently amended) A dally training method, relating to safe dally-practicing, near a substantially fixed object, using at least one dallyer's rope, the dallying steps to be used by a dallyer, comprising, in combination:
- a) providing at least one line;
  - b) providing at least one reel structured and arranged to apply at least one tension force to such at least one line for retracting such at least one line;
  - c) providing at least one swivel-attachment to attach such at least one reel to the substantially fixed object;
  - d) connecting such at least one reel to the substantially fixed object;
  - e) connecting such at least one line to such at least one dallyer's rope; and
  - f) dallying using said at least one dallyer's rope.
- 14) (currently amended) A dally training system, relating to use by a dallyer, for safe dally-practicing the steps of dallying, near a fixed object, using at least one saddle horn and using at least one dally rope, comprising, in combination:
- a) at least one line;
  - b) at least one reel structured and arranged to apply at least one tension force to said at least one line such that said at least one line is retractable; and
  - c) at least one attacher structured and arranged to attach said at least one reel to the fixed object;
    - i) wherein said at least one attacher comprises at least one swivel; and
  - d) at least one saddle horn to hold said at least one line substantially adjacent to such dallyer when such dallyer is using said at least one line in such dally-practicing;
  - e) wherein said at least one line comprises such at least one dally rope
  - f) wherein said at least one dally rope is structured and arranged to permit dallying around the at least one saddle horn.
- 15) (previously presented) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one dally rope comprises at least one free end which can be coiled in at least one hand of the dallyer.
- 16) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, further comprising at least one first connector to connect said at least one line to said at least one dally rope.

- 17) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 16, further comprising at least one second connector to connect said at least one tensioner to the fixed object.
- 18) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, further comprising at least one second connector to connect said tensioner to the fixed object.
- 19) (previously presented) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one reel comprises at least one asymmetric protrusion adapted to provide irregular retraction of said at least one line.
- 20) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one tensioner comprises at least one spring.
- 21) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one tensioner comprises at least one clutch system structured and arranged to allow the dallyer to selectably control tension in said at least one line.
- 22) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one line comprises at least one safety release.
- 23) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 22, wherein said at least one safety release comprises at least one hook and loop material.
- 24) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 14, further comprising at least one anti-kinking element structured and arranged to assist anti-kinking in said at least one line.
- 25) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 24, wherein said at least one anti-kinking element comprises at least one swivel.
- 26) (currently amended) A dally training system, relating to use by a dallyer, for safe dally-practicing, near a fixed object, using at least one saddle horn and using at least one dally rope, comprising, in combination:
  - a) at least one line; and
  - b) at least one tensioner adapted to apply at least one tension force to said at least one line such that said at least one line is retractable;
  - c) wherein said at least one tensioner comprises at least one reel adapted to wind and unwind said at least one line;

- d) wherein said at least one reel comprises at least one eccentric portion adapted to provide irregular retraction of said at least one line;
  - e) wherein said at least one eccentric portion comprises at least one protrusion;
  - f) wherein said at least one line comprises at least one dally rope; and
  - g) at least one anti-kinking element structured and arranged to assist anti-kinking in said at least one line.
- 27) (canceled)
  - 28) (canceled)
  - 29) (currently amended) The dally training system, according to Claim 28 26, wherein said at least one eccentric portion comprises exactly one protrusion.
  - 30) (previously presented) The dally training system, according to Claim 29, wherein said at least one reel comprises at least one case structured and arranged to house said at least one reel.
  - 31) (previously presented) The dally training system, according to Claim 30, wherein said at least one line further comprises at least one stopper structured and arranged to prevent at least one end of said at least one line from being pulled inside of said at least one case.
  - 32) (previously presented) The dally training system, according to Claim 26, wherein said at least one anti-kinking element comprises at least one swivel.
  - 33) (original) The dally training system, according to Claim 26, wherein said at least one line comprises at least one safety release.